

## BUILDING ACTIVITY ON THE INCREASE

Contractors Making Up for  
Time Lost on Account  
of Rain.

## SUBURBAN LOTS BEING IMPROVED

Erection of New Dwellings Fast  
Making Washington a City  
of Homes.

Increased activity will describe the course of Washington's real estate operations during the coming week, according to the leading local brokers and builders. The continued rains had the effect of retarding operations during the week just closed today, but the ground lost will be more than made up, and a brisk week is in prospect, if predictions made today are to be accepted as fact.

The wet weather this week had a marked effect on the suburban operations, as well as delaying the plans of several builders who intended to break ground for rows of dwellings in the northeast and southeast sections. The excavations for these dwellings will be included in the real estate operations started Monday, providing the ground is in condition.

**Suburban Operations.**  
While it is to be admitted that the total suburban operations would have been considerably larger had it not been for the wet weather, Chevy Chase did not suffer as did certain other of the more active suburbs. Lots of a total value of \$85,000 were sold by Thomas J. Fisher & Co., and it is the intention of several of these purchasers to break ground shortly for the erection of homes. One purchaser, an army officer, will erect a handsome residence near the Chevy Chase Club house, plans for which are now being prepared for a Washington architect.

Activity also is shown in Wisconsin Avenue Park, where Herman F. Mandler this week sold lots to John F. Scott, Albert E. Kay, and John J. Ruff, all of whom will soon begin the erection of houses for their own occupancy. These dwellings will be detached and will be designed with a view of both artistic effect and convenience.

## Activity In Building.

In other suburban fields there is promise of activity in Saul's Addition, the purchasers of these lots in that suburb intending to break ground within the next ten days. Woodridge, Mt. Rainier, Rhode Island avenue extended, Berwyn, and Riverdale, all pretty suburbs on the City and Suburban Railway, promise renewed activity next week. In fact, the middle week of June will probably be the month of sales in prospect, see the high tide of summer operations. One of the most important of the city operations to begin next week will be the breaking of ground for the erection of two colonial brick apartment houses on the east side of Twenty-second street between L and M streets northwest. Each of these buildings will be three stories, and will contain five-room suites, with front and rear porches. They will be heated with hot water and will contain those features that go to make the modern apartment house complete. The builder will be Edward M. Dulin, for William, Gibbs & Daniel. The two apartment buildings will be completed about August next. Other city operations will include the erection by Harry Wardman of two dwellings on the east side of Holmead avenue, between Otis place and Spring road. The lots have a combined frontage of 80 feet and a depth of 122 feet, extending to a 20-foot alley. The proposed dwellings will be two stories and will be built for investment.

## PLAN SUBDIVISION OF 20-ACRE TRACT

Capital Realty Company Will Put  
Property on Market  
Soon.

The twenty-acre tract recently purchased by the Capital Realty Company from Frederick J. Heiler, which is situated just north of Wisconsin Avenue Park, will be subdivided next week and put on the market. Work is now being pushed to complete concrete walks and other improvements. Water and sewer pipes already are extended to this suburb.

## SEVENTH STREET PROPERTY ACTIVE

One Real Estate Dealer Sells  
Three Valuable Lots in a  
Week.

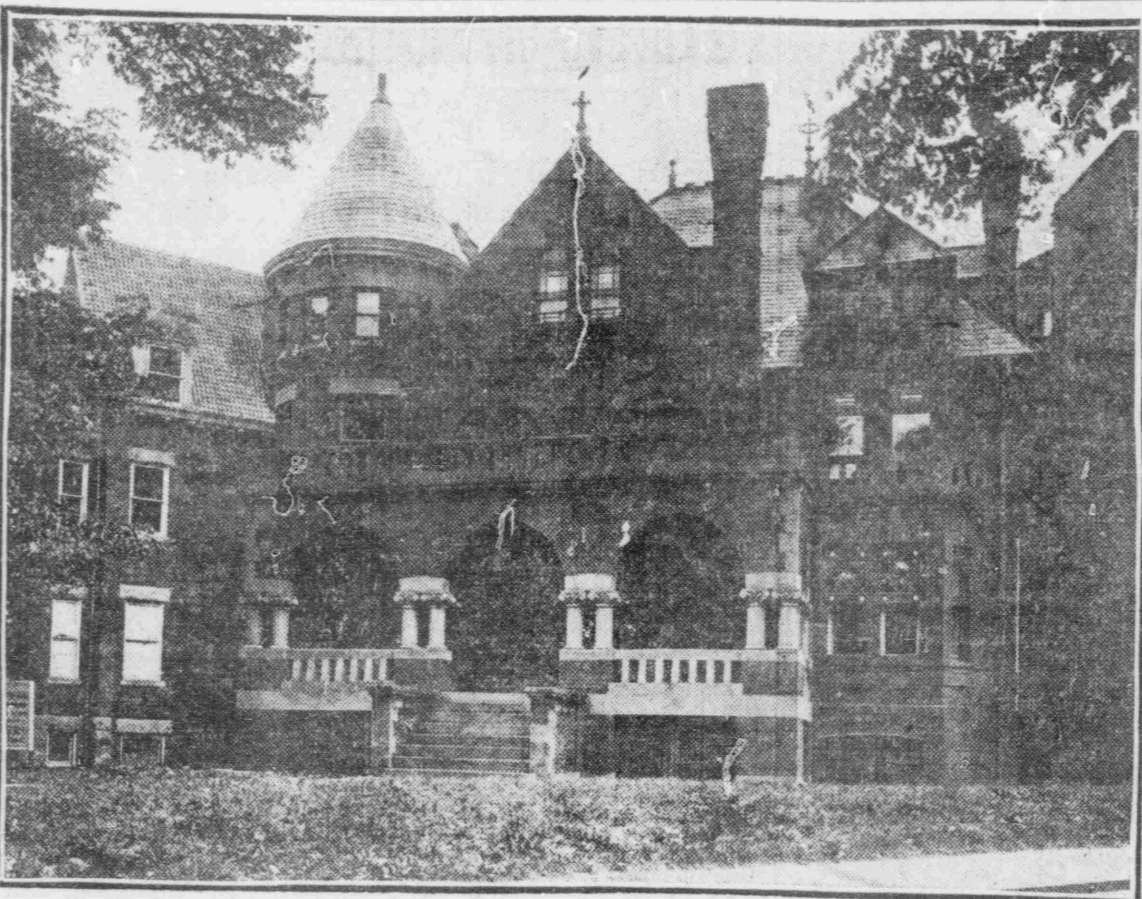
That Seventh street, as far north as the boundary, is fast becoming a prominent business thoroughfare was evidenced by the sale last week by L. Richmond, real estate dealer, of 21 Thirtieth street, of three dwellings at 1718 to 1722 Seventh street, which will be modeled for business purposes. The consideration was \$12,500.

The property has a frontage of fifty-one feet on Seventh street and a depth of ninety-five feet. Edward Kohner, the purchaser, will hold the property as an investment.

## VALUABLE TRACT WILL BE SOLD

Postponed on two occasions because of the inclement weather, a chancery sale of a tract of land consisting of portions of the old "Clown Course" and "James' Gift," containing about 105 acres, will be sold Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock at public auction by Adam A. Wichler. The tract lies north of and adjoining Rock Creek Park, a short distance from the Rock Creek bridge, and is desirably located for subdividing. Raymond A. Heiskell and Wilton J. Lambert are trustees for the property.

## JOSEPH PARKINSON'S NEW RESIDENCE



## COSTLY HOME SOLD IN THE NORTHWEST

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dition to Social Colony  
in Washington.

Joseph Parkinson, who has just purchased the residence, 1808 New Hampshire avenue, is another wealthy man who will join the social colony in Washington next winter.

Mr. Parkinson's new home, for which he paid \$38,500, is in the heart of a fashionable section and is admirably suited to entertaining.

Nearly all sites owned by William K. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Marshall Field, both of whom are said to be contemplating the erection of residences. This sale to Mr. Parkinson was one of the most important real estate deals of the present week.

## HOLMEAD AVENUE LOTS PURCHASED

Two lots on the east side of Holmead avenue, between Otis place and Spring road, Holmead Manor, have just been sold by Mrs. Margaret Lane and Mrs. Ellen Dalley for Harry Wardman, builder, who will improve them with moderate-priced three-story dwellings. The lots each measure 40 feet front by 122 feet deep, with a 20-foot alley in the rear. The sale was made through William, Gibbs & Daniel, in conjunction with Bell, O'Brien & Co. The price for both was \$3,600.

## VALUES INCREASING AT SEVENTH AND F

Improvements Under Way  
Will Materially Change  
Appearance of Corner.

There seems to be no letup in the steadily increasing values of property in the vicinity of Seventh and F streets northwest. Improvements are now under way in F street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, which will be completed early in the fall, and which will have a tendency to entirely change the appearance of this thoroughfare and make it one of the most up-to-date business streets in the city.

From plans prepared by B. Stanley Simmons, the Charles J. Cassidy Company, contractors are remodeling the large building at 623 F street. The improvements will be finished by September. The whole of the first floor will be made into one big store room and the four upper floors will be used for office purposes.

To the east of this property, at 611 F street, a new building is now being erected for business purposes.

Plans have been prepared by Appleton P. Clark for the erection of a five-story fireproof building at 625 F street. The new building will be used by A. B. Lacey & Bro., patent attorneys. On the opposite side, adjoining the corner of Seventh street, R. B. Berens contemplates the erection of several stores, with a frontage of ninety feet.

In this block are located the Pacific, Takoma, and Baltic office buildings and several business houses. In the last two years ten pieces of property in this block have changed hands through the office of Stone & Fairfax, indicating the strong demand and the marked activity in this class of property.

The location of the Union Station has considerably increased traffic along F street, east of Seventh, and the consensus of opinion among real estate brokers is that the property in that section will continue to enhance in value.

## SCHOOL BUTTON DAY HAS BOARD SANCTION

Superintendent Authorized to Take Such Action as  
He Sees Fit in Observance of Plan—School  
Playgrounds to Profit.

The Board of Education has authorized the superintendent of schools to take such action as he sees fit in connection with the observance of Button Day by the children of the public schools in connection with the securing of additional funds for the playgrounds.

In taking this action, Capt. James F. Oyster, president of the board, and Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, chairman of the board's committee on playgrounds, both expressed themselves as heartily favoring the promotion of the sale of the buttons in every possible way, as the school playgrounds will profit through the increase in the municipal playground funds. Mrs. Mussey said she believed the movement one to be forwarded in every way possible and urged that favorable action be taken in the matter.

Superintendent A. T. Stuart declared that he was ready and willing to aid in every way he could and approved the projects of the playground association.

Much business was transacted by the Board of Education at its meeting last evening at the Franklin school. The thanks of the board were tendered Dean Lewis B. Moore and the faculty of the Howard University for the giving of nine scholarships to the students of Normal School No. 2, the M street High School and the Armstrong Manual Training School. Three scholarships are to be given to the pupils of each of these schools. The scholarships were accepted and the assistant superintendent of schools was directed to take proper action to formulate rules for the Government of their award.

The board declined to grant permission to Miss Gladys Brannigan for the use of the Franklin School for rehearsals for a choir to be organized next winter in the interest of the playgrounds. The board regretted to decline this request, but could not do otherwise. The opinion of the Assistant Corporation Counsel authorizing the

board to hold private sessions for the consideration of the annual estimates was read and referred.

The members of the board expressed themselves as highly gratified at the action of Engineer Commissioner W. V. Judson in directing the municipal architect to consult with the board and with other officials of the District with regard to the designs for school buildings in the future.

The board will request the officers of the colored teachers' annuity association to submit its books to a competent auditor. The board realizes its lack of authority to order an audit and simply makes the request to fulfill its duty to the teachers. Repairs, school sites and other subjects were discussed before adjournment was taken.

**SERMON ON "OUR FLAG."**  
Preliminary to "Flag Day" Monday next, the Rev. John Reid Shannon will preach Sunday evening at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church a sermon upon "Our Country's Flag—the American Ideal and Principles Symbolized by Old Glory." The text being: "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth." Mrs. Dayelle Taylor Welch will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

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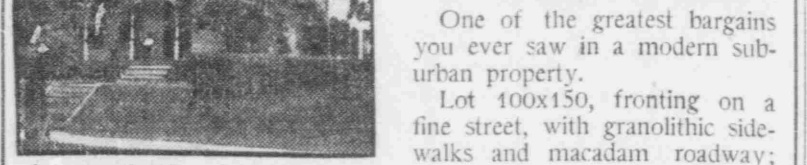
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## PINEY BRANCH BRIDGE TO DEVELOP SUBURBS

Magnificent Two-Arch Structure Will Be Completed  
One Year Hence—Unique Trick Played by  
Property Owners in Moving Congress.

When the contractor begins the erection next week of the second arch of the new Piney Branch bridge over Rock creek, it will mark an important step in the development of Sixteenth street extended, and the completion of this handsome structure one year hence will add great material wealth to the District in real estate values.

This bridge, which will open up Sixteenth street to the outlying neighborhood beyond Mt. Pleasant to Brightwood, will do much to enhance the beauty of the Picturesque Rock Creek valley, and make that section more desirable and accessible for residential purposes.

The total cost will be about \$170,000, or \$5,000 for each of the two arches. The second arch will be erected by the Cranford Paving Company, whose bid of \$61,750 for the concrete work was the lowest of nine bidders. The steel trusses and ornamentation will make up the rest of the appropriation.

The completed structure will consist of two massive concrete arches 27 feet long, rising above Rock Creek about 50 feet. It will be 65 feet wide, with a driveway 5 feet wide, and with an 8-foot path on each side for pedestrians. The arches will be connected by steel girders encased in concrete. The floor of the bridge will be designed to accommodate a future car line.

In line with modern bridge architecture, the ornamentation will be particularly elaborate. At each end there will be two concrete statues of animals, similar to those at the ends of the Connecticut avenue bridge. In addition

there will be lamps of special design at intervals of fifteen feet.

In connection with the history of this bridge there is an interesting sidelight, which is not generally known. When the erection of one of this point was first suggested by a number of real estate men and property owners who saw immense possibilities in the future of that section through the opening of Sixteenth street, the idea did not appeal with particular force to Engineer of Bridges Douglas.

He admitted its future value, but did not think the time ripe for an expensive bridge. Pressure was brought to bear on Congress, however, and \$5,000 was appropriated, which was a larger sum than any other bridge project might have. Engineer Douglas went quietly to work and drew his plans for the construction of a single arch bridge. When that arch was completed last year, the District authorities at once saw that a single arch was inadequate, and that to make the bridge useful from every point of view another arch would be necessary.

The Commissioners, therefore, without realizing that Engineer Douglas had simply worked the same scheme that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson had in getting Congress to spend more than was originally intended for the new Depot building, went ahead and got a second appropriation of \$85,000 for the other arch. When this appropriation was included with this year's District estimates, there were only a few around the District building who realized that the joke was on the Commissioners.

## BOAT TURNS OVER, WOMAN IS MISSING

Philadelphia Vessel Sinks in  
River—Police Rescue  
Passengers.

PHILADELPHIA, June 12.—The Shearwater, a small passenger and freight steamer, turned turtle in the Delaware river, off the Chestnut street wharf, at 11 o'clock today. One hundred and fifty passengers, fifty of them women, were thrown into the water and were rescued by the police boat Ashbridge and tug. One unidentified woman is reported drowned.

The boat broke apart, the hull sinking, and the upper part floating down with the tide.

## WANTS MAPS HELD UP.

LEWES, Del., June 12.—Because the Government official who is making the map illustrating the coming celebration of the landing of Hendrick Hudson in America failed to include his landing at Lewes, on the Delaware Bay, but instead showed his course up the Chesapeake Bay, Rev. C. H. B. Turner, who is at the head of the celebration in Lewes, has asked the Government to stop the issuance of the maps.

## NEW YORK JUBILANT AT OPENING OF BRIDGE

Formally Dedicates \$20,000,000 Structure Connecting  
Manhattan and Long Island City—The Festivities  
Will Last a Week—Gala Opera.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The great Queensboro bridge, that connects Manhattan with Long Island City, and opens up the sound shore of Long Island to the people of Manhattan, erected at a cost of \$20,000,000 and the largest of its kind in the world, was dedicated today and officially turned over to the city by the contractors with a celebration that will go down in the history of New York city and which will last an entire week.

Nearly half a million people gathered early to witness a gigantic parade that has been in progress since the city's cantilever structure, and prominent men from this city and Washington made addresses.

At Long Island City plaza, where the official ceremonies were held, 1,500 school girls, dressed to represent the Stars and Stripes, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Secretary of War Dickinson, who came as the personal representative of President Taft, delivered a message from the President of the United States congratulating the people on the opening of the bridge.

This afternoon a marine parade passed under the bridge and tonight a carnival of fireworks and a production of the opera, "The Mocking Bird," by the society women of Long Island City, will complete the celebration for the day.

The days will be given over to athletic games in the plaza, and the evenings of the next week to the opera.

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